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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or
by appointment.

MARRIAGES:

Must be scheduled with the Priest
at least 6 months in advance.

MORNING ROSARY:

8:30 a.m. before Mass.

MONDAYS:

Miraculous Medal Novena following Rosary.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:

Novena To The Sacred Heart
of Jesus - before 9 a.m. Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
Exposición del Santísimo el segundo Miércoles
de cada mes @ 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018



*Your ways, O LORD,
make known to me;
teach me your paths.*

— *Psalms 25:4*



Mass Intentions

February 19 – February 25



Monday: Jim Hopper by Mary Esther Krantz †

Tuesday: Kitty & Mike Gordon by the Crapet Family †

Wed.: Fr. Jim Macey by Terry & Rita Rumore †

Thursday: James Gutsell by KOC 12270 †

Friday: Anne Forister by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

Saturday: Tom Scruggs by Gisela Scruggs †

Sunday: Joe Yester by the Legion of Mary †

****Sunday's Mass Intentions are offered
at the 11:15 am Mass****

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil Rodgers,
Jacky Johnson, Rita Martens, Gail Layton,
Nicki Brasfield, Rene Bentel, Carolyn Marston,
Daniel Centilli.

**Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill
and our shut-ins. To add a name, call the
church office; or to add to the Prayer Hot
Line call Sharon Stice at 205-338-0207, or
email: sharonstice46@gmail.com.**

Please note that names remain on the prayer
list for 30 days and then are removed unless
the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings ~ Feb. 19—Feb. 25

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps
19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7,
16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4,
12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

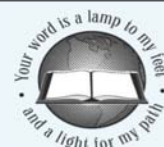
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a,
4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-
8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-
2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34;
Mk 9:2-10

Today's Readings



First Reading — God's covenant with Noah
when he was delivered from the flood. (Genesis
9:8-15)

Psalms — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant. (Psalm 25)

Second Reading — The water of the flood pre-
figured baptism, which saves you now. (1 Peter
3:18-22)

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The
kingdom of God is at hand. (Mark 1:12-15)

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Pastor's Message

We have entered the great season of Lent with its powerful appeal. It is like an annual retreat for the Church. A time for the deepest questions about who we are and where we are going. In some ways it is a "Back to Basics" kind of time.

The current understanding of Lent is well expressed in a Ritual Book called The Ceremonial of Bishops. This is how Lent is described: "The Lenten season has a double character, namely, to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens (those preparing for baptism at Easter) both with the Rite of Election and scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the Sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises".

The R.C.I.A. group of men and women who have been journeying with our Church since September become a special sign to us of the meaning of Lent. They are now in the final phase of their preparation for Easter Sacraments and we are asked to accompany them with our prayers and support. All of us will celebrate together, as a renewed community, when we renew our baptismal promises at the Easter Liturgy.

At the 11:15 Mass today the members of our R.C.I.A. group (some preparing for baptism, and some already baptized and seeking to be received into full communion with our Church) will be presented to the congregation as they sign their names in a special book to signify their serious intentions. As a congregation of Our Lady of the Lake Church we will then "send" the group to St. Paul's Cathedral in Birmingham to be welcomed by Bishop Baker and enrolled formally as Candidates for Easter Sacraments.

We have a special obligation to pray for our R.C.I.A. members as they enter this final phase. A word of welcome when we meet them in church or in the grocery store would also be an encouragement. It is all about reaching out and welcoming others.

Do you know of families or individuals who have become inactive in the Church? We all do. The season of Lent would be a great time to extend an invitation, a word of welcome to come home for Easter.

Prayer For the Week: "Let us open our eyes to the light that comes from God, and our ears to the voice from heaven that every day calls out this charge: If you hear his voice today, do not harden your hearts". (Psalm 95:8) Rule of St. Benedict.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

February 18~ February 25

Sunday-February 18

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*NO RE

*Rite of Sending 11:15 am

*RCIA to St. Paul's Cathedral

*Sr. Youth 5:30-8:00 pm

*Holy Hour 7:00 pm

Monday-February 19

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-February 20

Mass 9:00 am

*RCIA 7:00 pm

Wednesday-February 21

Mass 7:00 pm

*NO Surfsiders-cancelled

*Parish Council after Mass

*Chastity Retreat 5:30-8:00 pm

Thursday-February 22

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-February 23

Mass 9:00 am

*KOC Fish Fry 5:00—6:30 pm

*Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday-February 24

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

*Confirmation Retreat 8:45 am-5:00 pm

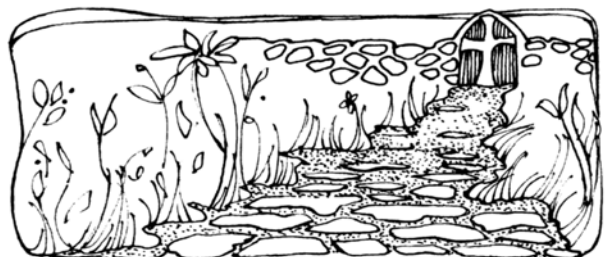
Sunday-February 25

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

*Reconciliation 2,3,4,5

*Shower of Blessings 9:45 am



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Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	\$4754.50	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$212,056.36	\$188,166.00

*Please note the actual total includes Seminarian Fund, Building Fund & Special Collections which are not part of the general operating budget.

There will be a **second collection** today for **The Black & Indian Mission Collection**, supporting seven parishes, five schools and four diocesan ministries.

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Council meetings are open to all parishioners, and are typically on the third Wed. of the month after Mass.



The Love Pantry

The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

Goal -100 cans/week.

Total cans last week – 60 cans

Lenten Regulations

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the Sacraments of Initiation by means of the Rite of Election, the scrutinies, and Catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises.

The Catholic Church, in an attempt to help Catholics do at least a minimum during Lent, asks all Catholics to fast and abstain from meat on certain days. **Fasting means** to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. **Abstinence means** not eating meat, although fish is allowed. Catholics are asked to observe all days of fasting and abstinence which is one of the precepts of the Church.

Catholics 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

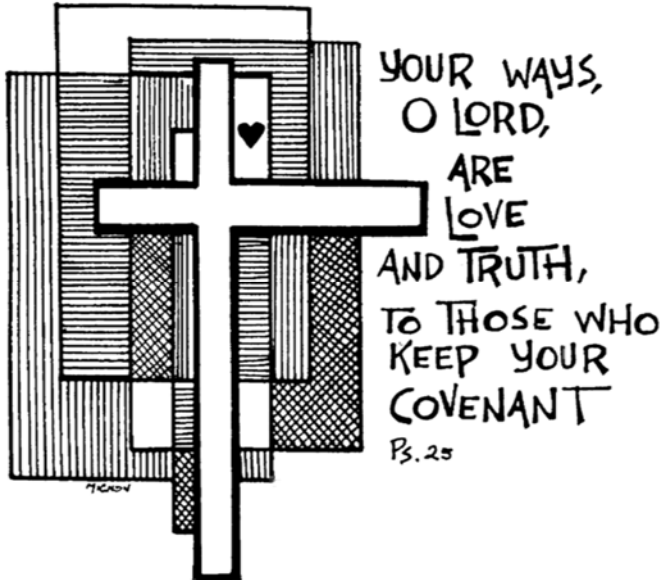
Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If one's work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

During this Lenten season, reflect on God's love for you as a married couple. Enrich and renew your Sacrament of Matrimony by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman, **Mar. 9-11** at St. Bernard Abbey. You can get more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Bob & Joy Hernandez at **678-985-0125**.

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Shower of Blessings

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Ann's New Life Center

Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 9:45 am

Speaker and Refreshments
All are Welcome to Attend



Assignments—Feb. 21~ Feb. 25

WEDNESDAY MASS

2/21/2018

7:00 PM

Altar Servers *

Lectors Terri Brown

SATURDAY MASS

2/24/2018

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Tom Graffo, Marty Poteracki

Greeters Kathy Shivers, Gisela Scruggs

Lectors Ron Zielinski, Micky Zielinski

Ministers Deacon, (**Larry Reese, Sara Reese**)

Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Mike DeCastr, Mark McRae

SUNDAY MASS

2/25/2018

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Natalie Newcomb, Bailey Nail, Jacob Wiley

Greeters Tommie/Jacky Johnson, Brenda/Carl Rochford

Lectors Larry Foltz, Carl Rochford

Ministers Deacon, (**Joe Hoffert, Catherine Lewis, Rosemary Mateer, Brenda Rochford**)

Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles, Isabel Loera

11:15 PM

Altar Servers John Himmler, Erin Barker, Meghan Barker

Greeters Mattie Osborne, Becky/Darren Freeman

Lectors Mary Adams, Martha Hayes

Ministers Deacon, (**Sarah Brazzolotto, Tommie Johnson, Ronnie & Jennifer Sellers**)

Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Tyler Johnson, Wayne Lowery

PLEASE NOTE: EM's scheduled are listed in parenthesis, in the event we have returned to offering the Cup in the Eucharistic Celebration

**If you are unable to keep your assignment,
please find a substitute.**



Little Ones in Christ

Grades Pre K—Grade 2

Contact Joanna Murphree (205) 473-1444

2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm

Junior Youth

Grades 3— Grade 6

Contact Jordan Murphree (205) 863-5787

2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm

Senior Youth

Grades 7-12

Contact Carly Gagliano (205) 837-8888

1st and 3rd Sunday 5:30—8:00pm

Food, Fun, and Faith!

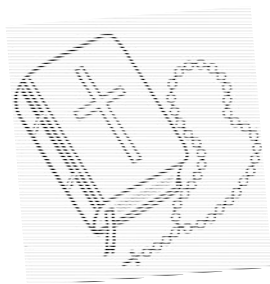
Diaper and wipe drive for Ann's New Life

Center for Women

Shower of Blessings - Feb. 25 9:45am



Prolife Rosary 2nd Sunday after 8:30 Mass



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Religious Education

Feb. 18—No RE

Rite of Sending 11:15 Mass

Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00p

Holy Hour 7:00p

Feb. 24—Confirmation Sister Servant's retreat

Feb. 21 & 28—9th grade Chastity Retreat

5:30p—8:00p

Feb. 25—RE 9:45a—11:00a

2,3,4,5 grades reconciliation

Shower of Blessing

March 3—First Scrutiny 5:00p

March 4—RE 9:45—11:00

6,7,8 grades reconciliation

Youth Mass 11:15

Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00P

March 10—Confirmation Candidate/sponsor Retreat 2:30p— 6:00p

Adult Education

9:45 in the parish hall

No Adult Education Scheduled



RCIA

Rite of Sending

Catechumens—Bennie Goodman, Blake Hardin, Erin Rider, Zachary Smith

Candidates—Deborah Beavers, Jeff Bowman, Alana Centilli, Jenny Cottrill, Kelly Dale, Tyler Johnson, Glenda Marston, Summer Sergenti, Mary Burke—Taylor

Please be praying for our RCIA class as they journey through the Lenten season in preparation to be received into full communion with the Catholic church Easter !

**Our Lady of the Lake
KOC Council 12270**

Lenten



**Each Friday of Lent
February 16th - March 23rd
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

**2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8.00
1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$6.00
Child's plate (cheese pizza, 1 side) \$3.00**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries each Friday evening during Lent. Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, fries, macaroni & cheese and coleslaw. Take out available, no phone-in orders please.



**Saints and Special
Observances**

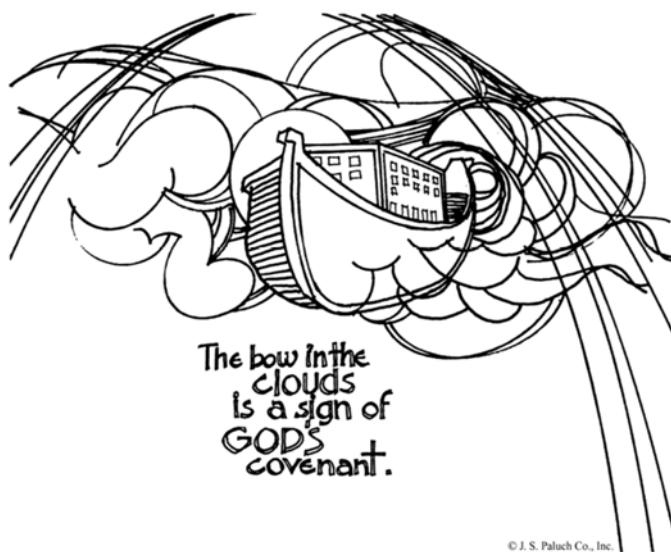
Sunday: First Sunday of Lent;
Rite of Election;
Rite of Calling the
Candidates to Continuing
Conversion; Rite of Sending

Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian
Calendar Lent

Wednesday: St. Peter Damian

Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday

Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence



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